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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 5616

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 5343

EXDIS-MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR CPRS EAIR PINR PINS PINT VS

SUBJ: FLYING TIGER PULL OUT

REF: STATE 090626 (DTG 200814Z APR 75)

1. ALTHOUGH PROJECTED FLYING TIGER PULL OUT IS CLEARLY PREMATURE AND HARDLY IN KEEPING WITH THE NAME OF THAT COMPANY, WE DO NOT INTEND TO INFORM GVN OF THEIR PLANS. HOWEVER, WE HOPE VERY STRONGLY THAT DEPARTMENT AND DOD WILL EXERT STRONG PRESSURE ON THE COMPANY NOT TO PULL OUT.

2. AS TO THE CONCERNS OF THE FAA, IT IS, OF COURSE, ENTIRELY TRUE THAT SOME ENEMY FORCES ARE GETTING CLOSER TO SAIGON AREA. HOWEVER, AS FAR AS TAN SON NHUT IS CONCERNED ENEMY FORCES WERE ACTUALLY CLOSER TO THE AIRPORT AT THE TIME OF THE IRON TRIANGLE FIGHTING LAST SUMMER THAN THEY ARE NOW.

3. WITH RESPECT TO FLIGHT SAFETY AT THE AIRFIELD IT IS THE JUDGMENT OF THIS MISSION, COMPLETELY CONCURRED IN BY THE AIR ATTACHE, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO CHANGE OR INCREASE IN THE THREAT OVER THE AREAS OVER WHICH COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT ARE NOW OPERATING AND THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE THREAT OVER THE MOST RECENTLY APPROVED ROUTES INTO AND OUT OF TAN SON NHUT.

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4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALL OTHER INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS,

INCLUDING AIR FRANCE, THAI INTERNATIONAL, CATHAY PACIFIC, SINGAPORE AIRLINES, CHINA AIRLINES AND AIR VIETNAM CONTINUE TO OPERATE THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERVICE INTO AND OUT OF SAIGON. AN FAA NOTICE BANNING SCHEDULED SERVICES TO SAIGON BY US CARRIERS WOULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS AND DANGEROUS REPERCUSSIONS AND IS NOT JUSTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

5. WE WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION AND ADVISE PROMPTLY OF ANY CHANGES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.  
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